Government for which proposal has been sent to the Planning Commission for getting their 'in principle' approval.

Cold Storage in Tripura

1795. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cold storages to be constructed in the country during 2004-05;

(b) of these cold storages, how many will belong to Tripura; and

(c) by when the construction works will be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) to (c) The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation is implementing a scheme "Capital Investment Subsidy Scheme for Construction/Expansion/Modernisation of Cold Storages and Storages for Horticulture Produce", in the country including Tripura, through National Horticulture Board (NHB), an autonomous organization under this department. Under the scheme, back-ended capital investment subsidy is provided to the eligible enterpreneurs @ 25% of the project cost not exceeding Rs. 50.00 lakh per project and @ 33.33% of the project cost, upto a ceiling of Rs. 60 lakh per project for North-Eastern States. The scheme is demand based and the project proposal is to come from the eligible enterpreneurs. Under the scheme, 1046 cold storage projects creating a storage capacity of 41.00 lakh MTs have been sanctioned with an eligible back-ended subsidy of Rs. 262.78 crores, upto 31.3.2004. Out of these, two cold storage projects with a capacity of 8000 MT and Rs. 100.00 lakh as subsidy have been sanctioned in the State of Tripura, upto 31.3.2004. During 2004-05, sixty projects have been sanctioned under the Scheme, out of which there is none from Tripura.

KVKs in **Chhattisgarh**

1796. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR:
SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to establish Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) under Indian Council of Agricultural Research in seven newly created districts in Chhattisgarh during the current year;